

NOTE: Protective Measures are cumulative and build from GREEN to RED. You may elect to use any or all of the recommended protective measures based on your particular situation. You may also elect to move a protective measure to a different alert level.

Action Number	Checklist		BLUE- GUARDED (GENERAL RISK of terrorist attack) Recommended Protective Measures:
	Yes	No	
B-1			Disseminate the BLUE advisory and share pertinent information related to the Homeland Security Threat Condition with state agencies/offices and government officials.
B-2			Continue all measures listed in Homeland Security Threat Condition GREEN Advisory.
B-3			Review all applicable emergency plans (e.g. Emergency Operations Plan, Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) / Standard Operating Guides (SOG), personnel staffing schedules, internal security plans, Mutual Aid Agreements, etc., as applicable). Each department/agency/office should be familiar with their assigned responsibilities according to the plan. Conduct tabletop and functional exercises as necessary, to increase familiarity with emergency plans and Mutual Aid agreements.
B-4			Implement security plans appropriate to the facilities and assets involved. Review communications plans and update the call-down procedures as necessary. Monitor and test communications and warning systems at periodic intervals. Possible security recommendations or considerations include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issuing employee picture ID badges.</li> <li>• Conducting background checks on employees, if authorized.</li> <li>• Installing surveillance cameras in vulnerable areas.</li> <li>• Providing a back-up power source for critical functions.</li> <li>• Installing an alarm system for critical buildings, doors or offices.</li> <li>• Moving vehicles and objects (trash containers, crates, etc.) away from buildings, particularly buildings of a sensitive nature.</li> <li>• Locking and regularly inspecting all buildings, rooms, and storage areas not in regular use.</li> </ul>
B-5			Review and update your organizations critical infrastructure list. Estimate the threat vulnerability of each critical facility and the countermeasures required to protect them.
B-6			Check all equipment for operational readiness, fill fuel tanks, check specialized response equipment (e.g., HAZMAT, SWAT, bomb squad, command post, generators, etc.), as appropriate.
B-7			Brief Public Information Officer (PIO) on appropriate response measures, protective actions, and self help options appropriate to the Homeland Security Threat Condition. Activate the jurisdiction Emergency Public Information System, as appropriate. Coordinate information releases with other government entities, if possible.
B-8			Assess mail handling procedures against intelligence in relation to the current Homeland Security Threat Condition. Advise personnel who handle mail, courier, and package delivery to remain vigilant and report any concerns or suspect items. Consider off-site mail / package processing and sorting facility to reduce the threat to government employees, if situation dictates.
B-9			Actively support the Neighborhood Watch, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Community Policing (COP) and Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) ( <a href="http://www.ares.org/">http://www.ares.org/</a> ) programs.
B-10			Evaluate information available on public websites that could compromise security.